

# SEED COLLECTORS' NEWSLETTER

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The State Nurseries have a variety of seed needs for the fall of 2005. A very special emphasis is being placed on White Pine and Black Cherry this fall. Red Pine, Tamarack, Black Ash, Basswood, Hard Maple, and Swamp White Oak are also being emphasized for this harvest season.

White Pine can be found in plantations or dispersed throughout the woods. Some of our collectors get permission to follow loggers and clean up the cones before the branches and debris are crushed or pressed into the ground by the heavy equipment. The cones can also be found in animal caches, hidden under leaves and debris. Because of the sticky pitch on the cones, plastic gloves and old clothing are a must. It is also helpful to use applications of "Go Jo" on your gloves while picking, to keep the resin from sticking.

Black Cherry is most easily distinguished from Choke Cherry by its shiny and narrower leaves. (Choke Cherry has dull, rounder leaves). Black Cherry can be harvested by tarping the ground under trees, then using a hook-like pole or weighted rope to shake the branches. Fruit should be free of debris and twigs, keeping only ripe cherries. Be certain to keep harvested fruit in breathable containers and refrigerated. Bring to a buying station as soon as possible. Basswood seed can be harvested in the same manner and is being purchased with the wings intact.

Black Ash is found on wetter sites and is generally a low land species. The seed is flat, twisted, and looks like a fat exclamation point. If you are uncertain as to whether a tree is black, white, or green ash; tear off a branch with seed on it and bring it to a State Tree Nursery or DNR station near you for proper identification prior to harvesting.

Before picking on any public lands, check regulations. You can gather on Federal lands with a permit. In State Forests you should notify the property manager before picking. It is illegal to pick in State Parks. On private lands, be sure you get permission from landowners before you enter private property and begin picking. If you will follow these simple guidelines, you will locate sites where you can harvest this year and in the years to come. Species being purchased this year and the prices being paid are listed below. Purchase start dates are approximate times when seed begins to ripen. Be sure to check the nursery column that lists whether seed can be picked and purchased in the north (Hayward), central (Griffith) or southern (Wilson) part of the state.

**Please call before collecting any seed to be sure the State Nursery Program has not yet reached its goals and is still purchasing the specie you want to pick; and to confirm correct identification and quality of seed.**

## STATEWIDE GOALS & APPROXIMATE DATES

SPECIE	HAYWARD	GRIFFITH	WILSON	Total Projected Raw Seed Need for 2005	Units	2005 Proposed Prices	PURCHASE BEGINS
Hemlock	X	X		25	bu	\$200.00	9/30
Pine, Red	X	X		1,600	bu	\$40.00	9/1
Pine, White	X	X	X	2,300	bu	\$15.00	8/20
Tamarack	X	X	X	17	bu	\$200.00	8/1
Ash, Black	X	X		33	bu	\$80.00	9/17
Ash, Green		X	X	60	bu	\$30.00	9/17
Ash, White	X	X	X	20	bu	\$80.00	9/17
Basswood	X	X	X	30	bu	\$40.00	9/17
Birch, White	X	X		20	bu	\$150.00	9/30
Butternut	X		X	80	bu	\$15.00	9/17
Cherry, Black	X	X	X	1,650	lbs	\$5.00	8/13
Hickory, Shagbark			X	30	bu	\$40.00	8/11
Maple, Hard	X	X	X	60	bu	\$80.00	9/17
Oak, Bur			X	130	bu	\$25.00	9/6
Oak, Red	X	X	X	300	bu	\$30.00	9/17
Oak, Swamp White		X	X	90	bu	\$70.00	9/6
Oak, White	X	X	X	220	bu	\$30.00	9/6
Walnut			X	1,780	bu	\$3.00	9/22
Dogwood, Red Osier	X	X	X	90	lbs	\$5.00	9/8
June Berry	X	X		38	lbs	\$5.00	7/2

## BUYING STATIONS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<b>GRIFFITH NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:</b>			
<b>WI Rapids</b>			
(Griffith Nursery)	Mary Plamann	(715)424-3700	8am-4pm
Neilsville DNR	Chris Schmitz	(715)743-5134	by appt.

### **HAYWARD NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:**

Barron DNR	Chris Rucinski	(715)537-5046	by appt.
Eau Claire Regional Headquarters	Pat Murphy	(715)839-3760	by appt.
	Chris Widstrand	(715)839-3782	
Florence Res Ctr	Stuart Boren	(715)528-4400 ex50	by appt.
<b>Hayward Nursery</b>	<b>Marie Zellmer</b>	<b>(715)634-2717</b>	<b>8am-4pm</b>
Medford DNR	Greg Mitchell	(715)748-4955	by appt.
Menomonie DNR	Jay Jordan	(715)232-1516	by appt.
Rhineland DNR	Scott Leonhardt	(715)365-2642	by appt.

### **WILSON NURSERY BUYING STATIONS:**

Baraboo DNR	Rick Livingston or Paul Stearns	(608)355-4475	by appt.
<b>Boscobel</b>			
(Wilson Nursery)	Linda Evans	(608)375-4123	8am-4pm
Darlington DNR	Matt Singer	(608)776-3064	by appt.
Fitchburg DNR	Steve Holaday	(608)275-3234	by appt.
Horicon DNR	Randy Stampfl	(920)387-7884	by appt.
Lancaster Youth & Ag Bldg	Linda Evans	(608)375-4223	by appt.
Sturtevant DNR	Randy Cooper	(262)884-2390	by appt.

## Payment

A voucher payment system is used. A copy of the voucher is given to seller and a check will follow in the mail. It has been taking from two to four weeks to receive payment.

**W-9 forms are no longer required.**



## Cleaning Seed

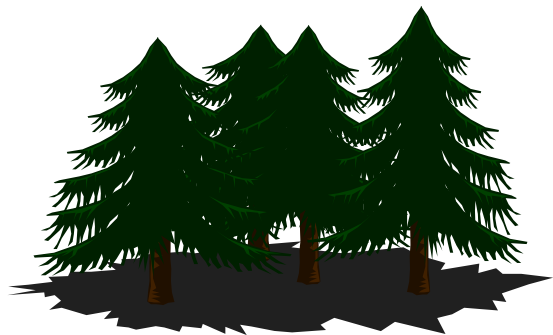
All acorns except Bur Oak should be floated in water. Acorns that sink are generally considered good acorns and those that float should be discarded. Rocks and rotten

acorns sink and must be removed. Rocks will damage the seeders at the nursery. If seed is not clean when it arrives at the nursery, you may receive a price reduction.

## Seed Storage

You must store your seed in a cool, dry location and deliver the seed to a buying station as soon as possible to prevent seed from over heating or molding. Storage should be in a breathable container.

For those with white oak quotas, they should be stored in a cool place and brought to a buying station as soon as possible. White oak tends to sprout quickly. *The nursery may reject acorns with radicals longer than 1/2".*



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